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Mother, Daughter Killed When Flames Sweep Home

Victims Had Date In Court

Flames which swept through their home near here early Monday left an 80-year-old convicted abortionist and her 60-year-old daughter dead, apparently of asphyxiation. Found in their home at 1011 W. 223rd St. were Leola Mae (Ma) Ramsey and her daughter, Marguerite Reeves, 60.

County fire units under the command of Bn. Chief Charles Hambleton found the one-story, single-family frame and stucco home enveloped in flames when they arrived. The principal blaze was confined to a bedroom, firemen said.

Mrs. Ramsey and her daughter were scheduled to appear in Superior Court today for hearings on motions growing out of a Grand Jury indictment which named them for conspiracy to perform illegal operations.

Mrs. Ramsey was twice convicted for performing abortions and had served two terms in the women's prison in Tehachapl. She first came to the attention of officers more than 25 years ago when sheriff's deputies were informed that she was performing abortions in the Long Beach area.

Both women were dead on arrival at nearby Harbor General Hospital, Monday.

Editor, Press Chief Selected

Dan Brooks, son of Mr and Mrs. Philip Brooks of 16818 Thornburgh, has been named editor-in-chief of the North High School newspaper, North Wind.

Brooks, who was sports editor during the fall semester, succeeds Sally Dunn. Miss Dunn becomes chief of the North High Press Bureau.

Del Amo Report Scheduled - - -

Harry Gorman, manager of Del Amo Properties Co., will bring members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and their guests up to date Thursday at the new Del Amo Financial Center now under construction at Carson Street and Hawthorne Boulevard. Gorman will be guest speaker Thursday noon when the February membership meeting of the Chamber is held at the Indian Village, 4020 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Injured Officer Improves - - -

Torrance Detective Lee Graber is reported in an improved condition at Gardena Hospital and may be released from the hospital Friday. Graber is recovering from injuries received Feb. 3 when he was struck by a car after he and his partner had stopped a car suspected of being stolen. Graber's partner shot the driver of the car, identified as George Sloss, 20, of Hawthorne. Sloss is being held in the prison ward at Los Angeles County General Hospital and is expected to be arraigned on a charge of assault to commit murder when he recovers from his wound.

British Leader to Speak - - -

Sir Alec Douglas-Home, former Prime Minister of Great Britain, will lecture at El Camino College tomorrow evening at 8. Sir Alec, who served as Prime Minister from Oct. 16, 1963, until a general election almost a year later, will speak on the subject, "The Future: For Better or Worse." Tickets, at \$1 each for the general public, may be purchased at the college bookstore.

Name Bundy Press-Herald Co-Publisher



REID L. BUNDY
Appointed Co-Publisher

Appointment of Reid L. Bundy as co-publisher of the Press-Herald was announced Monday by Publisher Glenn W. Pfeil. The appointment is effective immediately.

Bundy, who joined the former Torrance Herald as city editor in 1950, has served that newspaper and its successor, the Press-Herald as managing editor since 1951.

"I am pleased to make this announcement and to reward Mr. Bundy for his many years of competent work as a newspaperman in the community," Pfeil said when making the announcement.

"I intend to remain actively involved in the community and as publisher of the Press-Herald, but demands of business at the management level and the growth of the Press-Herald have dictated this move," he said.

In addition to his duties as publisher of the Press-Herald and the Wilmington Press-Journal and Harbor Mail, Pfeil has taken on additional executive duties as general manager of Rodgers & McDonald, pioneer Los Angeles printing and publishing company.

The Press-Herald's new co-publisher attended the University of Southern California where he was managing editor of the student newspaper, the Daily Trojan, and president of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity.

Cheerleaders Claim Trophy

West High's cheerleaders have won second place during the annual Mt. San Antonio Invitational Cheerleading competition.

Warrior cheerleaders are Beckie Crum, Stephanie Herzog, Christine Anderson, Janet Hayes, and Nancy Fukumoto.

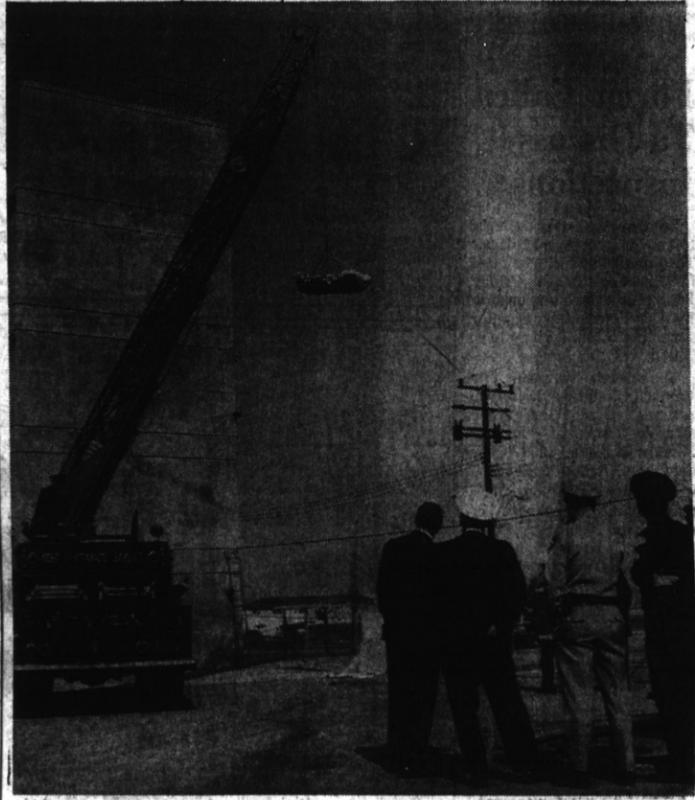
New Civil Service Law Key to Fire Test

Appointment of a permanent Torrance fire chief will not be made until a new civil service ordinance—now in operation—is considered by the City Council.

Councilmen agreed last night to hold up civil service examinations to fill the post until the new ordinance is approved.

A request from the city's Civil Service Commission which would have permitted the examination to be held within the next few weeks was ordered filed by the council.

COMMISSIONERS had asked the council to repeal an ordinance which now requires that any examination for fire chief be open to men in the first three ranks of fire departments serving California cities or counties of 80,000 or more population.



RESCUE TRAINING . . . Police and fire officials watch Torrance firemen practice removing injured from danger areas during a training exercise at the city's training tower on Torrance Municipal Airport. Skill in such operations can often be credited with saving the lives of persons trapped in burning structures or otherwise cut off from normal evacuation facilities, fire officials say.

(Press-Herald Photo)

Lomitan Dead, Lad Injured in Traffic

A Lomita man was killed and a 14-year-old Torrance boy critically injured in two widely separated traffic accidents last weekend.

Joseph F. Puckoris, 23, of 2149 W. 256th St., Lomita, was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital Saturday afternoon.

Authorities said Puckoris was killed when his sports car went out of control in a curve on Narbonne Avenue and skidded some 240 feet into a power pole. The accident occurred about 1:35 p.m.

in the city of Rolling Hills Estates.

Ronald Curran, 14, of 3618 W. 228th St., is reported still in critical condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital following an accident at Hawthorne and Sepulveda boulevards Saturday evening.

Curran, a passenger in a car driven by Mark Schindler, also 14, of 22324 Ladeenc Ave., sustained severe head injuries, it was reported. Witnesses to the crash told Torrance police Curran was

thrown from the vehicle in which he was riding.

Officers said Schindler was driving east on Sepulveda Boulevard and collided with cars driven by Richard Brose, 35, of 21412 Talsman Ave., and Ronald Silver, 23, of 21003 Amie Ave. The crash occurred about 9:30 p.m.



SCHOOL CHIEF SPEAKS . . . Dr. Max Rafferty, state superintendent of public instruction, outlined a five-point program for Republicans Monday during a Lincoln Day dinner sponsored by the 46th Assembly District Republican Central Committee. The school chief said Republicans should forget what they are against and tell people what they are for. (Press-Herald Photo)

BY SCHOOL CHIEF

Program for GOP Outlined

By JERRY REYNOLDS
Press-Herald City Editor
Republicans need to spell out what they're for and forget what they're against if they want Americans to pay any attention to the Grand Old Party, Dr. Max Rafferty declared Monday.

Dr. Rafferty, state superintendent of public instruction, laid out a five-point program for the Republican Party in an address before a 46th Assembly District Lincoln Day dinner in Manhattan Beach. Republicans, Dr. Rafferty declared, are:

- "For telling the American people the truth."
- "For helping the victims of crime, not coddling the criminals."
- "For ending that Vietnam war by winning it."
- "For ending the riots and racial unrest by curing the disease, not just treating the symptoms."
- "For keeping government close to the people."

DR. RAFFERTY said people can no longer "believe any of the administration spokesmen" and said Republicans should win votes by "just promising to tell the truth."

Declaring that the nation's courts have been "falling all over themselves to make the job of the criminal easier and the job of the policeman harder," Dr. Rafferty called for the restoration of "the concept of punishment for crime prevention."

He said Republicans should forget about making it more rewarding to obey the law and concentrate, instead, on making it "downright disastrous" to disobey the law.

"As a teacher," he told the crowd of some 250 persons, "I have found that fair, reasonable, and prompt punishment has a salutary effect on kids."

TURNING to the war in Vietnam, Dr. Rafferty said he did not want Americans "to die for anything or anybody except the United States of America."

His own son is in the Armed Forces, Dr. Rafferty said, and he did not want him to "fight over there with one hand tied behind his back."

clared. "End it quickly — by bringing the full military might (of America) to bear on the source of the aggression."

Dr. Rafferty said he would support wage and price regulation and rationing if necessary to win the war for "peace with victory is worth any price that we have to pay."

ON THE ISSUE of civil rights, Dr. Rafferty said minority groups only want "a fair share of the American dream and a fair slice of American prosperity."

He offered a three-point program which he called "a Republican program" to end the unrest and create a society where "the measure of the man and the luck of the draw" determine individual success.

Republicans, he said, should work to register every qualified citizen, to educate all citizens to the limit of their individual abilities, and to set an example as individuals.

Finally, he told the crowd that Republicans are dedicated to the "control of the peoples' daily lives and affairs by the people themselves."

BRANDON CROUCH WINS TOP CARRIER HONORS



BRANDON CROUCH
Top Carrier

Brandon Crouch has been selected as the Press-Herald Carrier of the Month for January, 1967. Darrell Westcott, Press-Herald circulation manager, announced today.

Young Crouch, a student at Chadwick School in Rolling Hills Estates, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crouch of 24263 Los Codona St.

"Brandon takes serious pride in the management of his Press-Herald newspaper route," Westcott said in announcing the selection. "His customers are assured of good, prompt delivery service. His growing list of subscribers is clearly indicative of his close personal interest in making a success of his business enterprise."

Radios occupy most of his spare time and Crouch also is interested in science and mathematics. He is an altar boy at St. Lawrence Martyr Church.

Math Field Day Slated At College

Students from North and South high schools have been selected to participate in the 11th annual Mathematics Field Day Saturday at Occidental College.

North High students include Pamela Oliver, George Waddell, Lewis Dean Jones, Robert Shoup, and Haskial Hason.

South High students are Dean Sanderson, Mark Abramson, Gary Jung, Steve Beach, and Jim Satt.